

## Message Text

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SUBJ: TITO VISIT, ESTABLISHMENT OF US-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC/  
COMMERCIAL WORKING GROUPS

REF: STATE 046726

1. IN A FEB 24 DISCUSSION WITH ASSISTANT FOREIGN SECRETARY BERNARDIC, AMBASSADOR PRESENTED U.S. PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL WORKING GROUPS ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED REFTEL. THE ONLY VARIATION FROM REFTEL WAS THAT EMBASSY PROPOSAL LEFT OPEN THE QUESTION OF WHERE THE FIRST MEETING WOULD BE HELD, STATING ONLY THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE SPRING IN ONE OF THE TWO CITIES. THIS REFELCTS FEELING WITHIN THE EMBASSY THAT A WASHINGTON MEETING IN THE SPRING MAY BE ORGANIZATIONALLY EASIER FOR THE YUGOSLAVS. THE AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT THE SUB-CABINET WORKING GROUP WAS THE PROPER LEVEL FOR THE COMMISSION, AS THIS WOULD LEAD TO THE BEST RESULTS -- WHICH WAS OUR GOAL.

2. BERNARDIC RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD SEE THAT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED IMMEDIATE AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND THAT  
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WE WOULD RECEIVE AN ANSWER BEFORE THE TITO VISIT. HE INQUIRED IF SIMILAR GROUPS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THIS LEVEL WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT THERE WERE SIMILAR WORKING GROUPS. THE AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT, HOWEVER, A ROUTINE PRACTICE.  
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